Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The *statement asked for is placed on the table.

Statement, by caste, of officers in the Excise Department.

84. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of officers in the Excise Department, drawing a pay of Rs. 75 and over?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : A †statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

Statement, by communities, of Tahsildars, Head Accountants and Proverthikars.

85. ***Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities among the Tahsildars, Head Accountants and Proverthikars now in office?

Mr. K. George : A ‡statement containing the information required is placed on the table.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know the total number of Proverthikars?

Mr. K. George : 405.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know the number of Nayars?

Mr. K. George : I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know whether the time involved in preparing the statement is not out of proportion to its utility? (*Laughter*)

Special party to detect illicit trade in liquor in Kottayam Excise Division.

86. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Kottayam Division, had appointed a special party in 1110 to prohibit illicit manufacture of and to detect illicit trade in liquor ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what was the strength of the special party so appointed and what was the nature of the work it did ; and

(*c*) whether the Excise Commissioner has stopped the work of this special party, and, if so, for what reasons?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), questions (*b*) and (*c*) do not arise.

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*Vide Appendix V—Page 441.
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‡Vide Appendix VII—page 441.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner appointed the special party with his sanction ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No sanction is necessary.

Attachment of properties for amounts due from abkari contractors.

87. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether claims and objections to attachment of properties do arise when properties are attached for amounts due from abkari contractors ;

(*b*) who tries such cases ;

(*c*) who conducts such cases for the Excise Department ;

(*d*) whether vakils are engaged for the same ; and

(*e*) if so, who pays their fees ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Yes. Occasionally.

(*b*) Objections raised are enquired into by the Tahsildar within whose jurisdiction the property is situate.

(*c*) When cases are launched before courts of law, the Sirkar Vakil conducts the case on behalf of the Sirkar.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member who orders the attachment of properties ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : The Tahsildars.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member who effects the attachment of properties ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : The pakuthi authorities under the Revenue Recovery Regulation.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know to which court the claims are to be preferred against attachment ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : The whole procedure is laid down in the Revenue Recovery Regulation, Sir.

President : You draw the attention of the honourable member to the Regulation wherein the whole procedure is laid down.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is it not to the Tahsildar that the attachment claim has to be preferred ?

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